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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/713,203 in the name of ENDO et al., entitled "Paper Feed Apparatus", which was filed on November 16, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,962 in the name of TAKISAWA et al., entitled "Paper Feeder", which was filed on August 3, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the

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references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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